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The references cited on the enclosed form PTO-1449 (copies of references enclosed) are brought to the attention of the Office in accordance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 since they may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The attention of the Office is also directed to the following related copending patent applications (copies enclosed) assigned to Hughes Electronics Corporation, the assignee of the present application:

- (1) Serial No. 09/271,997 filed March 18, 1999, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, John I. Novak III, Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Ming U. Chang, William W. Mayfield, for "Multiple Satellite Mobile Communications Method and Apparatus For Hand-Held Terminals". **The present application is a CIP of Serial No. 09/271,997** (Attorney Docket No. PD-990058);
- (2) Serial No. 09/550,505, filed April 17, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Kar W. Yung, David C. Cheng, Frank A. Hagen, Ming U. Chang, John I. Novak III, for "Coherent

- Synchronization of Code Division Multiple Access Signals", (Attorney Docket No. PD-990185);
- (3) Serial No. 08/803,937, filed February 21, 1997, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Kar W. Yung, John I. Novak III, R. R. Holden, for "Method And System For Determining A Position Of A Transceiver Unit Utilizing Two-Way Ranging In A Polystatic Satellite Configuration", (Attorney Docket No. PD-96330);
- (4) Serial No. 09/209,062, filed 12/10/98, inventors: Kar W. Yung, David C. Cheng, Donald C. D. Chang, for "Method and System for Incorporating Two-Way Ranging Navigation As a Calibration Reference for GPS", (Attorney Docket No. 970590);
- (5) Serial No. 09/576,648, filed May 22, 2000, inventors: Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Donald C. D. Chang, for "Multi-Platform Wireless Communication System For A Variety Of Different User Types", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200049);
- (6) Serial No. 09/584,012 filed May 30, 2000, inventors: Ming U. Chang, Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Donald C. D. Chang, for "Multi-Node Wireless Communication System With Multiple Transponding Platforms", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200031);
- (7) Serial No. 09/644,225, filed August 21, 2000, inventors: Frank A. Hagen, Kar W. Yung, Ying J. Fera and Donald C. D. Chang, for "Synchronization Method And Apparatus For Multi-Platform Communication System", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200064);
- (8) Serial No. 09/587,960, filed June 6, 2000, inventors: Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, and Donald C. D. Chang, for "Resource Allocation Method For Multi-Platform Communication System", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200066);
- (9) Serial No. 09/587,759, filed June 6, 2000, inventors: Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Donald C. D. Chang for "User Positioning Technique For Multi-Platform Communication System", (Attorney Docket No. PD-200067);

- (10) Serial No. 09/669,095, filed September 25, 2000, inventors: Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen, Ying Fera, Donald C. D. Chang, for "Coherent Phase Synchronous Code Division Multiple Access Communications From Multiple Transponder Platforms", (Attorney Docket No. 200107);
- (11) Serial No. 09/655,498, filed September 5, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Alan Cha, for "Concurrent Communications Between A User Terminal and Multiple Stratospheric Transponder Platforms", (Attorney Docket No. 200114);

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has recently been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that this citation constitutes prior art.

Respectfully submitted,
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